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SUBJECT:MBFR: TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

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- 1. DURING MEETING WITH MBFR OFFICE DIRECTOR, DR. RUECKRIEGEL, HE TOLD US THAT HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING FRG DISARMAMENTS COMMISSIONER RUTH TO THE WASHINGTON BILATERAL.
- 2. RUECKRIEGEL INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE NOW RECEIVED WORD THAT THE BRITISH DELEGATION TO THE TRILATERAL WOULD BE COMPOSED OF TWELVE MEMBERS INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM BRITISH EMBASSY IN BONN.
- 3. WE HAVE CONFIRMED SIZE OF UK DELEGATION WITH THEIR EMBASSY. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR MBFR AFFAIRS IS RETURNING TO UK EARLY NEXT WEEK TO PARTICIPATE IN A PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE TRILATERAL. HE TOLD US THIS MORNING THAT DR. OWEN IS STILL VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN MAKING PROGRESS IN MBFR AND EXPLOITING TO THE FULLEST THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED TO THE WEST BY EAST'S EXCHANGE OF DATA.

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4. RUECKRIEGEL ALSO TOLD US THAT HE HAD PREPARED A SHORT PAPER, AT THE CHANCELOR'S REQUEST, OUTLINED HISTORY OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE AND SOME IDEAS FOR FUTURE PROGRESS. THE REQUEST EMANATED FROM THE CHANCELOR'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT IN JULY, AND THEIR MUTUAL CONCENSUS THAT REAL ATTEMPTS AT PROGRESS

IN MBFR SHOULD BE MADE IN THE COMING ROUND.

- 5. RUECKRIEGEL ASKED IF THE NAME OF THE NEW US REPRESENTATIVE TO MBFR WAS KNOWN. WE INDICATED THAT WE HAD NO INFORMATION AS YET, BUT WOULD ADVISE THE FONOFF AS SOON AS WE KNEW.
- 6. RUECKRIEGEL STATED THAT THEY WOULD MISS AMBASSADOR RESOR FOR WHOM THEY HAD THE HIGHEST RESPECT. THE US REPRESENTATIVE, HE ADDED, PLAYS AN ESSENTIAL AND KEY ROLE IN THAT HE HAS A MUCH GREATER DEGREE OF LATITUDE IN DEVELOPING POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS THAN DO EITHER HIS FRG OR OTHER COLLEAGUES.
- 7. COMMENT: REQUEST WE BE INFORMED WHEN NEW US REPRESENTATIVE TO MBFR IS NAMED SO THAT WE CAN BE RESPONSIVE TO FONOFF INQUIRY. MEEHAN

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